

To Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305):

It has recently come to our attention that the Food and Drug Administration has proposed new legislation that would require mandatory pasteurization or irradiation of all fresh juice. We wish to state our total disagreement with this unwarranted government intrusion into our lives.

Fresh, unpasteurized juice contains the live enzymes that enable all metabolic processes in the human body to take place. Heating juice above 118 degrees or irradiating it kills all the enzymes. Billions of servings of fresh, unpasteurized juice are consumed in the United States without incident. Rare outbreaks of problems have been directly linked to poor manufacturing practices. The two largest outbreaks, which have brought about this legislation, were caused by large companies taking short cuts in order to boost profits.

In the past 10 years 1.7 billion oranges have been squeezed by conscientious manufacturers into fresh juices. Laboratories ran 17,500 microbial tests on this juice and never have one tested positive for Salmonella or E. Coli. 0157:H7.

If cigarettes and liquor are available to the public with warning labels, then at the very least, fresh juice should be available to the public with a warning label. This country prides itself on the freedoms that it safeguards for its citizens. Let the informed consumer choose whether they wish to by fresh juice or not instead of taking the choice away from everyone.

Sincerely,

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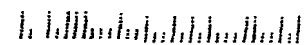
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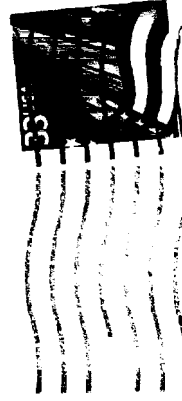


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